



RESOLUTION

CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS - A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

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DECLARING “TIBET DAY” IN THE CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS

- Whereas: On March 10, 2018, Tibetans will gather in their host countries to commemorate the 59th anniversary of the Tibetan National Uprising against the occupation of Tibet and to honor the memories of 1.2 million Tibetans killed by the Chinese government; and
- Whereas: One hundred and sixty two Tibetans have self-immolated while calling for freedom in Tibet and the return of His Holiness the Dalai Lama; and thousands remain missing or arbitrarily imprisoned for simply expressing their views or writing poetry or singing songs about the situation in Tibet; and
- Whereas: The world’s largest Tibetan Buddhist academy, Larung Gar in Tibet, is currently facing wide-scale demolitions by the Chinese government to decrease its population and evict and displace at least half of its 10,000 residential monks and nuns; and
- Whereas: The ongoing abuse of human rights in Tibet must be of concern for all freedom-loving people, we call on China to enter into substantive dialogues with His Holiness the Dalai Lama to find a negotiated solution to protect the fundamental rights of all Tibetans; and
- Whereas: His Holiness the Dalai Lama, is a greatly honored spiritual figure - revered, treasured and loved throughout the world for his powerful teachings on non-violence, tolerance and forgiveness; and
- Whereas: In 2014 the City of Minneapolis proclaimed “His Holiness the Dalai Lama Day of Peace and Compassion” and in 2017 the City of Minneapolis approved a resolution honoring the Tibetan people; and
- Whereas: The Mayor and City Council affirm the determination of the Tibetan people in Tibet and in exile to retain their heritage and protect it from destruction against overwhelming odds through non-violent and peaceful means;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved:

That the Mayor and City Council do hereby declare March 10, 2018, which commemorates the 59th anniversary of the Tibetan national uprising, to be designated as “**TIBET DAY**” in the City of Minneapolis.

The Mayor and Council hereby urge the government of China to respect the Tibetan people’s right to self-determination, to safeguard their human rights and their pristine environment, and to immediately resume dialogues with His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Central Tibetan Administration.

In recognition of 2018 being declared the “Year of Gratitude” by Tibetans in Minnesota, the Mayor and Council express their sincere appreciation for the many contributions by the Tibetan community to the betterment for all peoples in the City of Minneapolis, the State of Minnesota, and the United States. This resolution is a reminder to all of the atrocities carried out by the Chinese government against the Tibetan population in their historic homeland of Tibet.

Passed this the Ninth Day of March, 2018

LISA BENDER, President of the Council

APPROVED:

JACOB FREY, Mayor

ATTEST:

CASEY JOE CARL, City Clerk